GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3829
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BAN ON USE OF SOLVENT NAPHTHA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Naphtha is being mixed with petrol;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of Naphtha that has been imported by private parties through different ports in Gujarat during the last two years;

(d) the details of private parties which had imported the Naphtha and parties to whom the Naphtha were sold together with the purpose; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ban the use of Naphtha in petrol?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTRAY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : No such incident has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) & (d) : As per information available, details of Naphtha imports by the private parties during 1999-2000 and 2000-01 at different ports are given below. Government do not have the details of the parties to whom imported Naphtha was sold. Party-wise/Port-wise Naphtha Imports in Gujarat

(Figures inTMTs)

Year	Port	Party	Quantity
1999-2000	Hazira	RIL	1517
2000-2001	Dahej	IPCL	392
	GAPL, Mundra	Not available	26
	Hazira	RIL	1563
	Jamnagar	RIL	119
			2100

(e) : In order to prevent usage of Naphtha for adulteration of Petrol/Diesel, Government have issued Naphtha (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and prevention of use in Automobile) Order, 2000 on 05.06.2000.